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FOREST FIRE CONTROL DEVICE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of country's forest area regarded as fire prone;

(b) the estimated forest area effected by forest fire during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of modern effective control devices available with the Government to control forest fire;

(d) whether any proposal is under the consideration of the Government for effective forest fire control device; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) As per the State of Forest Report, 1995 analysis of the record of occurrence of fire within and around the sample plot activity, over a period of two decades, has revealed that 53.1 % of the India's forest are prone to fire, and out of this 9% of the area is affected by frequent fires.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) to (e) Forest fire management involves prevention, timely detection, control and monitoring. A combination of technologies such as Remote Sensing, Geographic Information System etc. is being used for detection and monitoring of forest fires. Under the Centrally Sponsored - Integrated Forest Protection Scheme, Forest Fire Control and Management is one of the component. Financial assistance is provided to the States/UTs on sharing basis to take up various activities for effective prevention and control of forest fires including use of modern technology.